

Request

U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

Washington, D.C. 20515

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With reference to my telephone conversation with your secretary today, I am attaching correspondence the committee has received from the Superintendent of the House Radio-Television Correspondents' Galleries concerning the installation of new telephone equipment in the committee's main hearing room, 2118 Rayburn House Office Building.

Mr. Ford, staff director, would like to have this checked out as to any security problems it might cause.

Thanks,

Nancy Jones

Nancy Jones
Executive Secretary

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

RADIO-TELEVISION CORRESPONDENTS' GALLERIES

Washington, D.C. 20515

Address Reply Care of
House Radio-Television Gallery
Room H-320
U.S. Capitol 20515

April 28, 1978

Hon. Melvin Price
The Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
2118 Rayburn Office Building

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed are photo copies of a telephone installation located in the Committee on Interstate & Foreign Commerce, room 2123, which I would like to draw to your attention.

This installation is a prototype we would encourage all standing committees of the House to consider adopting.

At present, in your committee room, lines from NBC and ABC radio appear at the PA console in the rear of your room. These lines are tucked underneath the console and are activated whenever there is a major hearing at which the networks elect to go "live" or feed their studios on a round robin. The problem with having these lines at the console, and this is what prompted Interstate-Commerce to go in the above direction, is the unsightly, and at times, bothersome, problem these lines present.

Under the supervision of the Architect's office, the telephone company devised a method to alleviate the need to pull wires from the console area by installing the "jacks" that you see in the pictures. This allows a radio technician to make a simple connection to his equipment. The jacks are mounted on the wall adjacent to the side that is usually reserved for broadcasting setup. The installation of these jacks presents absolutely no security problem whatsoever.

The installation in photo I is located just at the end of the rostrum, and when not in use, no wires are visible. In photo II, the installation is in the middle of the wall, between the rostrum and the door to the hall.

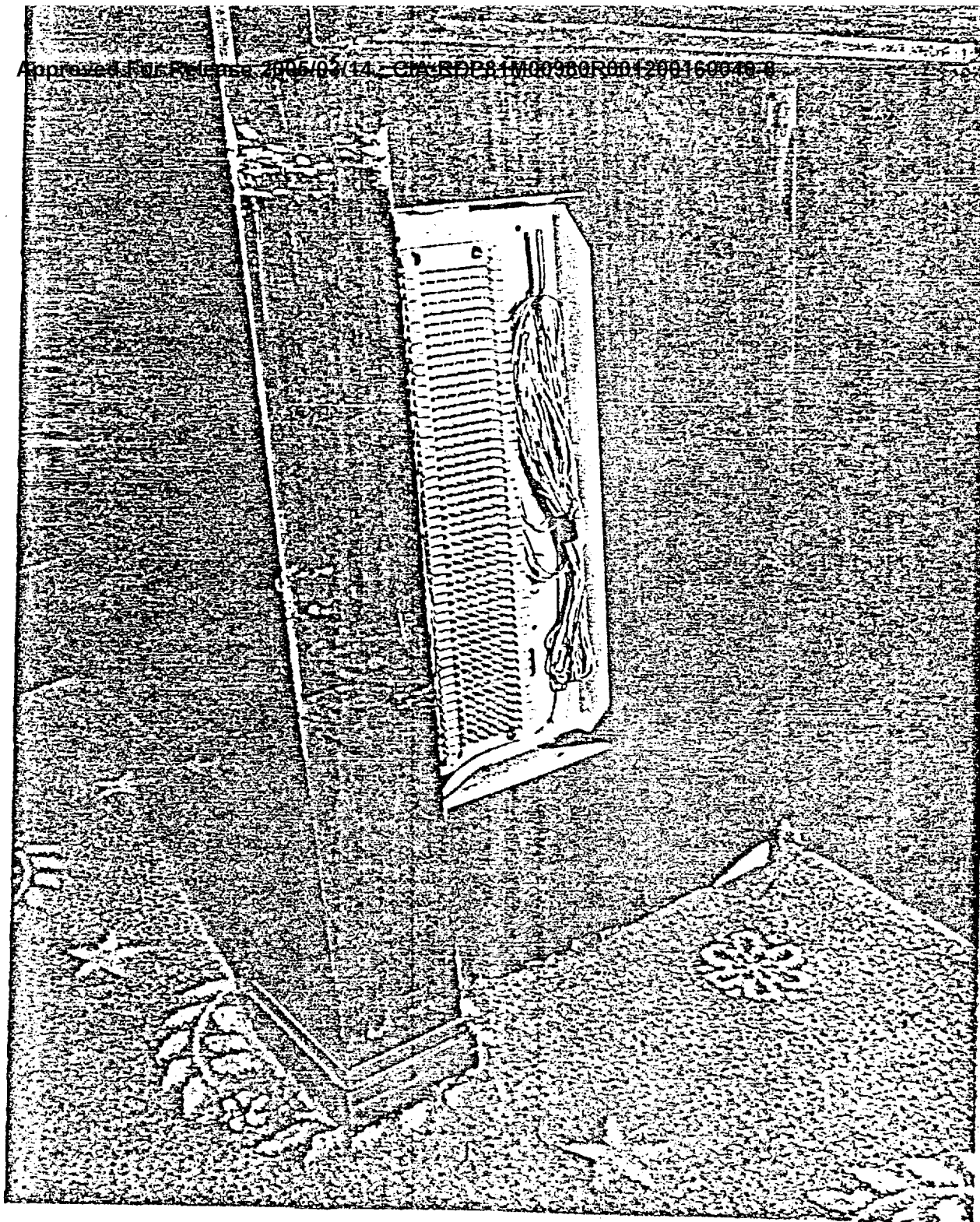
Thank you for your interest. I hope you will approve this project, as it would simplify coverage of your committee.

With warm, personal regards, I am,

Very cordially,
Mike Michaelson

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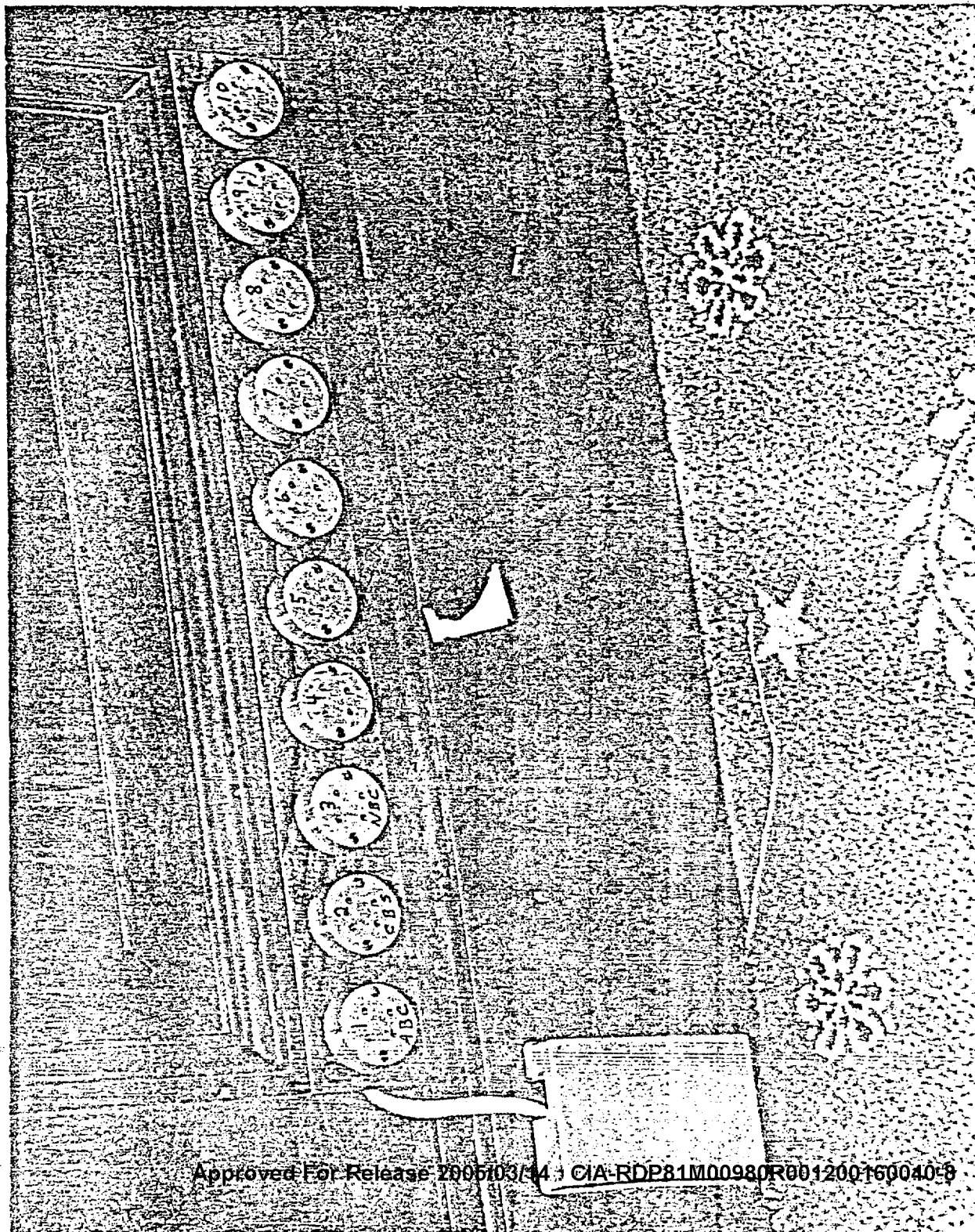
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